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OF THE

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Unity Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Mount Zion Church, Chilton County, Alabama,

October 9, 10, 11, 1894.

OFFICERS:

J. G. Lowrey, Moderator . . . . . Clanton, Ala.
W. J. Ruddick, Clerk . . . . . Stanton, Ala.
W. I. Mullins, Treasurer . . . . . Clanton, Ala.

Next session will be held with Fellowship Church, six miles west of Plantersville, Ala., on Tuesday, October 8th, 1895.

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ADDRESSES OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

State Missions	W. L. Sampey	Clanton, Ala
Home Missions	J. W. Dunaway	Stanton, Ala
Foreign Missions	J. E. Maloy	Plantersville, Ala
Bible-Schools	E. L. Thornton	Plantersville, Ala
Temperance	W. B. Strock	Verbena, Ala
Bible and Colportage	W. J. Ruddick	Stanton, Ala
Family Training	C. W. Hare	Clanton, Ala
Periodicals	W. H. Burns	Plantersville, Ala
Baptist Widows and Orphans' Home	H. W. Caffey	Verbena, Ala
Ministerial Education	H. M. Pool	Independence, Ala
Education	Oliver Mullins	Jumbo, Ala

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises, 10 to 11 a. m.
2. 11 a. m.—Introductory Sermon.
3. Call to order.
4. Letters read.
5. Organization.
6. Rules of Decorum.
7. Ministers not messengers invited to seats.
8. Admission of new Churches.
9. Correspondence received and returned.
10. Appoint Committees to report this session—
    - On Preaching.
    - Letters and Documents.
    - Aged and Infirm Ministers and Families of Deceased Ministers.
    - Deceased Ministers.
    - Finance.
    - To Select Preacher of next Introductory Sermon.
    - Select Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.
11. Committees to report next session—
    - On Missions, State, Home and Foreign.
    - Education.
    - Ministerial Education.
    - Temperance.
    - Sabbath-schools.
    - Family Training and others.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. The business of the season will be taken up, so as to insure proper time for debate and economy of time.

MINUTES.

1. The Unity Baptist Association met October 9, 1894, with Mt. Zion Church, Chilton county, Ala., in its Fortieth Annual Session, at 10 a. m.

2. W. H. Burns conducted devotional exercises for 45 minutes.

3. At 11 a. m. W. J. Ruddick preached the introductory sermon. Text: Proverbs xi., 30th verse, "He that winneth souls is wise."

4. After which a recess was taken for dinner until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

5. 2 p. m. J. W. Dunaway, the Moderator, being absent, W. J. Ruddick read the 34th Psalm, and the Association was led in prayer by W. B. Strock.

6. J. G. Lowrey was elected as temporary Moderator.

7. J. E. Maloy and E. L. Thornton were appointed to read the letters, and the names of the delegates were enrolled as follows:

8. Mt. Zion—Oliver Mullins, J. L. Marcus, J. F. Goodgame, W. J. Collins.
Ebenezer—J. W. Dunaway.
Alpine—T. J. Johnson, J. H. Anderson, M. P. Wigginton.
Fellowship—L. J. Perry, J. Y. Friday, J. M. Wright, W. H. Friday.
Cane Creek—W. C. Giles.
Clanton—J. G. Lowrey, W. L. Sampey, J. M. Thacker, W. D. Sartor, P. M. Moore, W. I. Mullins, J. H. Vines.
Mulberry—W. J. Fleming, H. A. Williams, J. L. Williams, E. J. Hayes, Eddie Blalack.
Plantersville—W. H. Burns, E. L. Thornton, J. W. Letcher.
Chestnut Creek—F. R McCary.
Beth Salem—J. R. Vinson.
Harmony—J. H. Griffis
Mt. Carmel—W. J. Ruddick.
Bozeman—T. J. Henderson, J. C. Gayler.
Maple Springs—W. L. Price.
Salem—N. J. Calloway, G. G. Calloway.
Valley Creek—E. J. Milling, J. E. Maloy.
Bethesda—M. D. Wyatt, H. M. Pool.
Big Springs—W. J. Wright, M. Carter, G. D. Apperson.
Verbena—K. Wells, W. B. Strock.
Shiloh—A. C. Pool, T. Weldon, R. L. Williams.
Providence—W. H. Robinson, R. E. Jones.
Sardis and Bethel Churches sent letters.

9. On motion of W. L. Price, J. G. Lowrey was elected Moderator, W. J. Ruddick, Clerk, and W. I. Mullins, Treasurer, by acclamation.

10. After some remarks from the Moderator the Association was declared open for business.

11. The Rules of Decorum were read.

12. Correspondence was called for. Answered by John Huett and A. L. Foshee from the Mulberry and W. S. Cox from the Weogufka.

13. The Moderator appointed the following committees to report this session:

Preaching this Session—Pastor and Deacons of Mt. Zion Church.

Letters and Documents—W. B. Strock, W. H. Burns, E. J. Hayes.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—K. Wells, W. J. Fleming, L. J. Perry.

Deceased Ministers—W. L. Price, W. H. Friday, James Griffis.

Finance—E. L. Thornton, T. J. Henderson, F. R. McCary.

To Select Preachers for Next Session—W. J. Fleming, E. J. Milling, L. M. Wright.

To Select Delegates to S. B. C.—N. J. Calloway, P. M. Moore, J. L. Williams.

District Meetings—W. I. Mullins, H. A. Williams, J. E. Maloy.

Apportionment—W. J. Wright, W. J. Fleming, J. C. Gaylor.

14. The roll of delegates was called, absentees erased and omitted from preceding roll.

15. On motion, the Missionary Sermon for to-morrow at 11 a.m. was dispensed with, and the discussion of the Reports on Missions was made the special order for that hour.

16. The church at Cane Creek was granted a letter of dismission as requested in its letter to the Association.

17. On motion, the Association adjourned until 9 a. m. to-morrow, and was dismissed with prayer by W. J. Ruddick.

SECOND DAY.

18. The Association met at 9 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. W. Dunaway.

19. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

20. The motion to dispense with the Missionary Sermon was reconsidered and, on motion, J. W. Dunaway, who was appointed from last session, was requested to preach the sermon at 11 a. m.

21. The letter from Friendship Church was read and J. L. Long enrolled as a delegate.

22. W. H. Hunt was recognized as a correspondent from the Birmingham Association and —— Mullins from the Cahaba.

23. The committee appointed last session to re-district the Association made their report and, after discussion by K. Wells and J. W. Dunaway, it was adopted.

24. The report on Bible and Colportage was read by W. J. Ruddick, and after being earnestly spoken on by W. B. Strock, J. W. Dunaway, W. J. Ruddick, J. G. Lowrey, J. E. White, John Huett and J. L. Long, it was adopted.

25. The following brethren were appointed to raise a Colportage fund, to be known as the A. Andrews' fund: G. W. Taylor, K. Wells, W. L. Sampey, W. J. Ruddick.

26. W. L. Sampey read the report on Ministerial Education, and it was discussed by W. J. Ruddick, J. W. Dunaway, J. G. Long and W. H. Hunt.

27. On motion of W. J. Ruddick, J. H. Longerier was adopted as our beneficiary. The report on Ministerial Education was then adopted.

28. 11:15 a. m. having arrived, J. W. Dunaway preached the Missionary Sermon. Text: Luke vi. 38. After sermon a collection was taken, which amounted to $10.31.

29. Adjourned till 2 p. m. Prayer by J. W. Dunaway.

W. M. Parker
G. Aldridge
P. M. Moore

AFTERNOON OF THE SECOND DAY.

30. The Association met promptly at 2 p. m. Prayer by J. E. Maloy.

31. The report on Letters and Documents was read by W. B. Strock. It was discussed by J. W. Dunaway, W. J. Ruddick and John Huett and adopted.

32. J. W, Dunaway, W. D. Sartor and O. Mullins were appointed as the committee to confer with Beth Salem Church.

33. K. Wells read the report on Aged and Infirm Ministers. It was amended by adding Sister Longerier's name and then adopted.

34. The committee on Deceased Ministers reported through W. L. Price that none of our Ministers had died during the past year.

35. The committee to apportion the amount suggested by the State Board of Missions made its report by W. J. Wright, and the report was adopted.

36. The report on State Missions was read by W. H. Burns, on Home Missions by H. M. Pool and on Foreign Missions by W. J. Ruddick. The reports were jointly discussed by J. G. Lowrey, J. W. Dunaway, J. E. Maloy, W. J. Ruddick and J. L. Long. Further consideration of these reports was made the special order for 10:30 a. m. to-morrow.

37. Report of committee to select delegates to S. B. C. reported that J. G. Lowrey be re-appointed as delegate, W. J. Ruddick, alternate, and the report was adopted.

38, On motion of W. J. Ruddick, Fellowship church was selected as the place, and Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1895 as the time for holding next session of this body.

39. On motion, adjourned until 9:00 a.m. to-morrow Prayer by J. W. Dunaway.

THIRD DAY.

40. The Association met at 9:00 a.m. The Moderator read a portion of God's Word, and the Association was led in prayer by W. D. Sartor. A short time was spent in praise and prayer.

41. W. J. Ruddick presented the claims of Autaugaville church for help to recover their church building. After some remarks from K. Wells, J. W. Dunaway, J. E. White, W. D. Sartor and W. B. Strock, $6.35 was collected for that purpose, and W. J. Ruddick, J. W. Dunaway and Jas. Griffis were appointed a committee to make further collections and have work done.

42. J. M. McCord's report on Education was read by W. J. Ruddick. It was discussed by J. W. Dunaway and J. G. Lowrey and adopted.

43. The report on Temperance was read by W. J. Rudick and was discussed by him.

44. Pending the adoption of the report, the hour of 10:30 arrived for the furter consideration of the reports on Missions.

45. On motion the special order was suspended and the discussion of the Temperance report was continued by J. M. Thacker, J. W. Dunaway, W. I. Mullins, J. E. Maloy, J. E. White, —— Rutherford and K. Wells.

46. The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were adopted without further discussion.

47. The report on Bible Schools by J. H. Marbury was read by the Clerk and, on motion, it was adopted without discussion.

48. Report on Periodicals was read by W. J. Ruddick. W. H. Burns, J. G. Lowrey, K. Wells and W. D. Sartor made short speeches, and the report was adopted.

49. The report on Baptist Widows and Orphans' home prepared by J. M. McCord was read and adopted.

50. The report on Family Training was read by J. E. Maloy and adopted without discussion.

51. The Moderator appointed the following committees to report next session :

State Missions—W. L. Sampey, W. I. Mullins, W. L. Price.
Home Missions—J. W. Dunaway, E. W. Bailey, R. J. Mitchell.
Foreign Missions—J. E. Maloy, L. J. Perry, A. A. Dyer.
Bible Schools—E. L. Thornton, I. G. White, W. J. Fleming.
Temperance—W. B. Strock, J. E. White, P. C. Dennis.
Bible & Colportage Work—W. J. Ruddick, J. H. Longerier, T. U. Crumpton
Family Training—C. W. Hare, J. L. Long, Moses Robinson.
Periodicals—W. H. Burns, J. G. Gay, W. H. Friday.
Orphans' Home—H. W. Caffey, W. F. Claughton, A. C. Pool.
Ministerial Education—H. M. Pool, J. M. Smoke, G. W. Taylor.
Education—Oliver Mullins, W. D. Sartor, J. L. Williams.

52. On motion of W. D. Sartor, the amount of yesterday's collection was ordered to be incorperated in the Finance Report.

53. The report of Finance Committee was presented by W. J. Ruddick and adopted.

54. J. G. Lowrey was appointed to preach the next introductory sermon; and J. W. Dunaway the missionary sermon at next session.

55. The report on District Meetings was read by W. I. Mullins, and after some remarks by W. I. Mullins and W. J. Ruddick, it was adopted.

56. On motion of K. Wells, the amount sent for minutes and associational purposes be used to pay the clerk $15 and the balance for printing minutes.

57. J. E. Maloy presented the following resolution:

Resolved : That the thanks of the Association are hereby extended to the membership of Mt. Zion church, and the friends in the community for their kind and hospitable care of us during our stay through this session.

And it was adopted by a rising vote.

58. The Association having transacted its business, united in singing, "God be with you till we meet again;" gave each other the parting hand; was led in prayer by the Moderator, and adjourned to meet with Fellowship Church, Dallas county, Ala., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1895.

J. G. Lowrey, Moderator.

W. J. Ruddick, Clerk.

REPORTS.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your committee report that, after a careful examination of the letters sent to the Association, that thirteen of the twenty-two churches represented at this session report Sunday-schools. This can be improved on if our brethren become enthused in our Master's work and desire to save souls.

Beth Salem Church ask that it be dropped from the Minutes of the Association; we recommend that the Association appoint a committee to investigate why such a request should be made.

We recommend that in the matter of the complaint from Harmony Church that our Clerk is not and can not be responsible for typographical errors. The Clerk says he is particular in giving the proper initials and names of brethren, yet errors creep in. The Association has always supplied its standing committees with chairmen who are competent to prepare the reports, whether they be delegates to that particular session or not.

We note no request for the next session of this body.

Respectfully submitted, W. B. Strock, Chairman.

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee beg leave to report as worthy of your assistance: Brethren A. G. Patrick and C. C. Billingsley, and Sister Longerier.

Brother Patrick is 86 years old and nearly blind. He has always been liberal with his means for the Master's cause.

Brother Billingsley is 78 years old and is now quite feeble. He has always been liberal with himself and means for the cause.

Sister Longerier was left with a dependent family.

Contributions sent to W. B. Crumpton for them will be sure to reach them. Respectfully submitted, K. Wells, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education, in its broadest sense, includes physical, mental and moral development. It is the aim of the report to deal only with the mental.

Among the many requirements of the Lord, the duty of mental development occupies no small place. The fact that God gives us a mind susceptible of cultivation is sufficient proof that we owe it to Him, not only to improve this talent but to do it in His fear.

If we fail to educate our children because we do not appreciate the advantages of an education, or because of our carelessness, we sin against the Lord.

It is one of the best legacies we can leave our children. A well-trained mind, sanctified by God's grace, prepares an individual for his life work. We rejoice to know that the people are demanding better schools and Christian men and women as teachers. This is certainly an improvement over former years.

Your committee would urge upon the representatives of the churches

to make an effort to build up a good school in their communities. You can do it if you will.

For higher education we would recommend Howard College at East Lake for boys, and the Judson Female Institute at Marion for girls. These institutions have opened well this session. The Howard opened with the largest number in its history. This is very encouraging to the friends of these two institutions. The charges are moderate when compared with other schools of like grade. At the beginning of last session the Bible was introduced into the Howard as a text book. The effects have been wonderful. Let every young man in the bounds of this Association who can attend the Howard. There are positions for you to fill in the world, and no better place to prepare for them than at the Howard.

Let every young lady who can attend the Judson. The world needs you. Respectfully submitted, J. M. McCord, Chairman.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

People are impressed by what they read, what they read is the silent educator, that quietly exerts its influence and leaves its impress for good or evil. As these are facts that cannot be denied and which if meditated upon the truth will be more and more apparent, it is very important that these silent companions should be of such a nature that the mind and character of the reader should be of the highest developement and in that direction that leads to Christ, active Christian work, and knowledge of the progress of Christian thought and Christ's kingdom in the world.

It is a fact that the first book ever printed was God's Word, and since then the printed page has been a silent partner in the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the world. Through the columns of weekly religious newspapers, monthly magazines, and other periodicals is brought to us the best thought, the best news and the best advice outside of God's Word. Such periodicals can be had, they are within our reach. The Alabama Baptist is just such a periodical. The Western Recorder is another, Ford's Repository, The Sunday-school Periodicals of the Convention series can all be used in our families and used in our Sunday-schools. Your Committee can heartily pray that the time may early come when next to the Bible, the papers named may be read in every Baptist home all over our Association more widely than any other printed page.

W. J. Ruddick, for Committee.

REPORT ON FAMILY TRAINING OR FAMILY RELIGION.

We realize that God established family ties for His own glory and for the happiness of His creatures. As God established family relations we assume that children have been entrusted to parents as a sacred trust, and that there is a great responsibility resting upon them as to the training of their offspring; and they are, to a great extent, responsible for their physical and moral development, it being an acknowledged fact that character is formed, as a rule, during childhood, and they having, or should have, almost entire control during that period, their prime duty is to raise them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and thereby draw them to Christ. If they fail in this they can only look forward to the lives of their children as complete failures in this life and in the life to come. How is this failure to be avoid-

ed? We would say, by a proper system of family training. The principle factors in this training are consecration of our lives to the service of God and diligence in teaching the word of God by precept and example.

J. E. MALOY, for Committee.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

The very name of Orphans' Home ought to attract the attention of every father and mother. Parents love their children, and it is natural for them to be greatly concerned about them when they know they have to leave them in the world with no one to care for them.

For several years the Baptists of this State talked about a home for orphan children. It is no longer talk, but a reality, and the Home is located at Evergreen, Ala. We have about eighty acres of land, with a large brick building on it and some smaller buildings.

There are more than thirty children at the Home now, and they have good Christian people to take care of them. These boys and girls are being educated and, at the same time, are taught to work. Whenever a good home can be secured for one of the children in a private family he is no longer kept at the Home.

Some payments will have yet to be paid on the property, and one of these will be due January 1, 1895. Let every church in this Association take a collection for this object in December.

These children are to be fed and clothed by the contributions of the Baptists of Alabama. Remember this and take collections for them. If any one knows of an orphan child write to Rev. J. W. Stewart, Evergreen, Ala., about it. Brethren, pray for the Home and divide the money God has given you with it. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MCCORD, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Bible, GOD'S own Word, teaches temperance in all things. We have learned in these latter days to apply this name to the use of intoxicating drinks, and when thus closely applied the Scriptures sustain their teachings of temperance. They teach, "not to look upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, stirreth itself aright, for at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." They also denounce the priests and rulers who err through strong drink, and emphatically declare that "no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven." They go still further and say, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him, and maketh him drunken." Also, too, from these teachings we learn that not only those who drink to excess, but those who give to others, are under the condemnation of Almighty GOD.

Then the conclusion of these things is that a strong, healthy sentiment against intoxicants in all their different forms should be exerted against their manufacture and use, for its manufacture and use are doing much for the pulling down of purity of morals and advances the law-breaking power all over our land.

It is said to be a hard matter to convict violations of our temperance laws.

We would recommend that our preachers preach on temperance, that our teachers emphasize the instructions on hygiene and that the head

of our families impress the law of God on the children. Respectfully,
W. J. Ruddick, for Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to report that they find the cause of Ministerial education suffering from a lack of money to properly carry on the work. Our Association gave last year an average of five cents per member for this purpose, which was certainly not extravagant, even if the times were hard and money scarce. When we compare this amount with the need for better educated ministers—men who can teach the people the truth unmixed with error—the amount given seems small indeed. There is no lack of proper men to educate, nor is there a lack of proper means of educating them, if the money to carry on the work were forthcoming. Howard College will train and educate our young ministers at actual cost, but many worthy young ministers cannot raise the money to attend. Bro. Anderson, of Opelika, also has a course of home instruction by means of correspondence which is especially adapted to ministers whose circumstances are such that they cannot attend college. They can take this course and carry out their regular pastoral work at the same time.

Since the consolidation of the Board of Ministerial Education with the State Board of Missions the expense of collecting and disbursing the money contributed for this purpose is very small, so that a dollar contributed for ministerial education is sure to be invested in some young man who will thus be enabled to carry on the work of the Gospel more efficiently throughout his ministry. Last session some sixteen young ministers were kept at college by the State Board, some of whom took leading places in their classes for scholarship and industry. What shall be done this season rests with the churches. If they do not send up the contributions these young men will have to go home. If we expect to grow as a power for good and the advancement of Christianity in the world we must have educated ministers to lead the people.

Respectfully submitted, W. L. Sampey, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO RE-DISTRICT THE ASSOCIATION.

We beg to report that the First district consist of Autaugaville, Bethesda, Big Spring, Bethel, Evergreen, Harmony, Shady Grove.

The Second of Beth Salem, Bozeman, Chestnut Creek, Friendship, Liberty, New Prospect, Shiloh, Verbena, Corinth.

The Third of Clanton, Mt. Zion, Salem, Providence, Maple Springs, Mulberry.

The Fourth of Alpine, Chestnut Hill, Ebenezer, Mt. Carmel, Pleasant Grove, Fellowship, Plantersville, Randolph, Sardis, Valley Creek, Pilgrim's Rest.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. Ruddick, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Your committee beg leave to report: We recommend that the district meeting of the First district be held with Big Springs Church.

That the meeting of the Second district be held with Shiloh Church.

That the meeting of the Third district be held with Mulberry Church.

That the meeting of the Fourth district be held with Plantersville Church.

We further recommend that the time for holding said meeting be left to the choice of the church with whom said meeting is to be held.

That the Pastors and Deacons of the respective churches arrange programs and publish in the Alabama Baptist; also to notify all of the churches in their respective districts in writing or otherwise the time of such meeting. Respectfully submitted, W. I. MULLINS.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath-school is pre-eminently a Bible-school; its exalted mission to foster a love for its study; to impart a knowledge of its doctrines, and implant within the heart those holy principles of life and action that shall lead their recipients into "ways of pleasantness and paths of peace." These being its admitted objects, it is proper to gather within its sphere every class and condition of men. That this agency is in harmony with the religion of Christ and entirely accords with the genius of the Gospel, none, it is presumed, will in this day deny, but ofttimes we admit the correctness of a principle and justness of an obligation, but in the magnanimity of our hearts assign the discharge of the duty connected with it to our neighbor; and where the judgment is convinced, it frequently requires "line upon line, and precept upon precept" to keep our wandering footsteps within the pathway of duty.

Let us briefly rehearse some of the advantages of Sunday-school work: It takes the child of tender age and, while its faculties are plastic with the freshness and sincerity of early years, implants within the mind and heart the doctrines of the Gospel, which are able to make "wise unto salvation," and thus, unquestionably, is often conducive to the conversion of children while their hearts are not contammated by sin and the associations of a wicked world. Again, the Sunday-school is a valuable auxiliary to the church in the increased study of God's Word it promotes among the membership, stimulating them to a higher sense of duty and greater efficiency. Furthermore, the observance of the Sabbath is encouraged; and instead of passing its hallowed hours among acquaintances in idle visits and light conversation or sordid calculations regarding our secular affairs, its moments are spent in devotional exercises and a serious contemplation of those solemn truths pertaining to our soul's brightest interest. The prosperity of the churches is promoted in another particular, in that it cultivates and develops the graces and gifts of the younger members, and thus qualifies them to take the position of those of riper Christian experiences and matured years, who must soon pass from the stage of action.

Through the Sunday-school we may reach a class of persons who are destitute of religious influences in their home life, and thus, to some extent, counteract the effect of the evil example of ungodly parents and bring them under the sway of Gospel principles. A further enumeration of the advantages of the Sunday-school work would make this report too long. Suffice it to say, these weekly assemblies of the Sunday-school are a happy substitute for services in those country churches where it is found impracticable to have preaching oftener than once a month. A means is thus offered which, properly improved, will obviate to a considerable extent the evils accruing from this infrequent coming together of God's people, and promotes that harmony and brotherly love by which

they will be drawn closer together and become more consecrated in the service of a common Master. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Marbury, Chairman.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTERAGE.

This subject has not occupied the place in our religious work to which its merits and importance fairly entitle it. Having for its object the supply of Bibles and a sound religious literature to the families and homes of those within our bounds with a view to their establishment in the true faith, it affords facilities for carrying the Gospel into many localities and to many individuals not reached by ordinary means.

The faithful colporter, on his mission of love and mercy, often penetrates regions remote from religious influences and comes in contact with minds and hearts that know but little of God and Christ, and are groping in darkness and ignorance of the plainest truths of the Word of God. It is a sad fact that even in this blessed land of Gospel light and freedom there is an appalling amount of want of knowledge of the true God and ignorance of the plan of salvation, and the trumpet-tone call to duty should arouse every Christian conscience and awaken to earnest activity every faithful follower of Jesus to this lamentable destitution. The mission of the Church of Christ is to disciple "all nations," and every means compatible with His teachings should be brought into requisition to this end. God's servants, acting as colporters, in their daily rounds visit many homes, carrying with them a knowledge of "The light of the world;" preaching the good news of the Kingdom; holding religious conversation; praying with the families visited; selling and giving away Bibles; circulating denominational papers; dispensing good books, and in every way in their power advancing the cause of truth and righteousness. Does not such an enterprise as this appeal to your love of Christ's cause, and call on you to engage in this work in His vineyard? With hand and heart, and tongue and pen and purse, let us respond to the demand.

The work in this department is carried on under the auspices of the State Mission Board, and there are eleven Missionary Colporters actively engaged in it. Fourteen Associations co-operate with the Board, and there is a permanent fund of $2,464.83, of which only the interest is available. This fund has been raised by voluntary contributions of the various Associations as a memorial tribute to some representative man of their bodies in sums of varying amounts not exceeding $100, thus aiding in the exemplification of the blessed truth: "They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

It is respectfully suggested that it would be a fitting tribute to the memory of our beloved deceased brother, A. Andrews, if this Association would raise $50 or more to be added to this fund, which, in the years to come, would continue to bear fruit to the honor of God and perpetuate the good name and loving deeds of this faithful and venerable servant of Christ, who was once so active and influential for the Master's cause in our midst. All of which is submitted.

H. W. Caffey, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There has been so much written on the subject of this report that

your committee deems it unnecessary to occupy your time with deffinitions of the work and appeals pressing its importance upon our people, but will leave these to be brought out in the speeches to the report.

Your committee desires first to note that the condition of this work on October 1st is not encouraging, to say the least. By reference to a note in the Alabama Baptist of Oct. 4th from Rev. W. B. Crumpton, the Secretary of the Board of State Missions we learn :

First.—That for the first time in the history of the Board there was not, Oct. 1st, a cent in the treasury for State Missions. Second.—The State Mission fund had been overdrawn by $500.00. Third.—The Board was behind with the co-workers–the Missionaries $1,500.00.

From another source we learn that the Board began the present year about $800.00 in debt. Comparing the two items of date you see that the indebtedness of the Board has grown larger during the year, aggregating on Oct. 1st $2,000.00.

A word in behalf of "The Board."

The Board of State Missions, with Rev. W. B. Crumpton as its Secretary, is your appointed agent. The Baptists of Alabama (and you as a part of the great brotherhood) have created this Board and authorized it to do this work. Out of its unwavering faith in you the Board, as your agent, has gone forward in this work. Shall its faith in you be stabbed by a failure on your part to come promptly to its aid? Respectfully,

W. H. Burns, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission field comprises the entire territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, from Missouri to Florida, and from Maryland to Texas, and the Island of Cuba. The work belongs strictly to the Convention, committed to a Board located at Atlanta, Ga. The Board makes a most gratifying showing for the year. It had in its employ during the last Convention year, ending April 30, 1894, more than 300 laborers, 4,470 have been baptized, 4,039 added by letter, total additions to the church, 8,509. More than $70,000 has been raised, of which, sad to say, Alabama has raised less than $4,000. Work among the foreign population is slow and difficult, but substantial when accomplished. Fifty thousand emigrants from foreign shores annually enter the port of Baltimore. Among the Germans in Kansas City and among the Mexicans in Texas, as well as in many other places, effective work is being done. Among the Indians we now have 301 churches, with an aggregate membership of 13,844. Many whites moving into this territory need the attention of this Board. The Board needs the sympathy, prayers and enlarged contributions of all our people. What a vast work it is possible for this Board to accomplish if the Baptists of the South would only place the means in its hands, which they are fully able to do. We should lift up our hearts to God with thanksgiving and everlasting praise to His name for the blessings which have attended the efforts of His children, and arm ourselves with faith and go forward, entering every door as rapidly as our Master opens to us. Brethren, the call has been for men and money. God has given us men—we need money. Let us accept the motto of Diaz: "The field for Christ"—yea the whole world. Brethren, let us use the words of the old Englishman in his prayer: "O, Lord, may we not only be justified and sanctified but may we be mis-

sionaryfied as well." Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Pool, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren: As our Lord has chosen the Gospel to be the medium through which to offer salvation to the world, and committed the work to His disciples, and commissioned them to preach it to all nations: and to teach them the true doctrine as He taught it (Mat. 28 19–20), the New Testament as the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Now, if we are His disciples, He honors us in making us workers together with Him in enlightening the ignorant, and bringing them to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ. Our fathers labored assiduously to establish the truth on this continent, but they were destitute of means and facilities to send it abroad, but as sons and daughters of Christian ancestors, under the teaching of the Bible, and being guided by the Holy Spirit as they were, have established the mission word, so that among intelligent Baptists its authority is not questioned nor its imperativeness doubted. And now, as God is prospering the work in our hands and the doors of the nations are being opened and the Macedonian cry is heard, the voice of the Son of God is felt in Christian hearts, saying: "Send forth more laborers into the vineyard; truly, the fields are white unto harvest."

It is true that many are responding, but we could and ought to do more. Within a few years the cause of missions has greatly advanced, contributions have increased, although money has been scarce, and yet a great work confronts us. The hearts of Christian women are being moved just now on the subject as never before, organizing for mission work; enthused with interest for the missionaries in foreign fields and their female helpers who are jeopardizing their lives in order to bring the heathens to Christ, and God is signally blessing their work. We have over one hundred missionaries in foreign fields; in China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Japan; twelve new missionaries have been sent out during the last year, and seven others are under appointment, and there would be more if the means were supplied.

Our esteemed Brother H. A. Tupper, D. D., who has so faithfully labored for twenty-one years as corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has seen fit to resign, and the board has secured the services of Brother Robert L. Willingham, of Memphis, Tenn.

$106,332.69 has been contributed to the foreign mission cause, and, according to the books and vouchers exhibited at the Southern Baptist Convention, the funds were equitably distributed and at less cost per cent than any secular business could be carried on—9 per cent. Only one of our foreign missionaries has died during the past year. Let us bow with reverence to Him who doeth all things after the counsel of his own will, and renew our energies for this great work on which God's blessing seems to rest so signally. Let us return thanks to our Heavenly Father for His mercies and blessings upon our work and workers during the last twelve months, remembering that Christ has taught us to pray for His kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as in Heaven, and as the Father loveth the Son, He loves the work of missions; and as He gave His son for it, He will guide us and bless us in it.

Respectfully submitted, Hardy Jones, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

We suggest that churches try to raise the amounts named for missions:

Shady Grove	$ 10 00	Big Springs	$ 5 00
Bethel	3 00	Bozeman	50 00
Harmony	5 00	Shiloh	5 00
Evergreen	15 00	Verbena	30 00
Beth Salem	2 00	Chestnut Creek	10 00
Friendship	3 00	Providence	10 00
New Prospect	3 00	Mt. Zion	10 00
Corinth	2 00	Mulberry	15 00
Clanton	15 00	Randolph	8 00
Pilgrim's Rest	5 00	Mt. Carmel	5 00
Valley Creek	15 00	Fellowship	20 00
Ebenezer	30 00	Sardis	3 00
Chestnut Hill	3 00	Alpine	5 00
Pleasant Grove	3 00	Maple Springs	2 00
Plantersville	10 00		
Bethesda	10 00	Total	$312 00

Respectfully submitted, W. J. Wright, Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received as follows:

Cash for—	
Minutes and Associational purposes	$ 45.85
Missions and Education	67.45
Collections after sermon	10 31
Total cash	$123.61
Vouchers for—	
Missions sent	$265.34
Missions not sent	72.18
Total contributions	$461.13

Respectfully submitted, E. L. Thornton, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. I. Mullins

In account with the Unity Association:

Dr.		Cr.	
To cash from Finance Committee	$123.61	By receipt from W. J. Ruddick, services	$ 15.00
To vouchers sent	265.34	By receipt from W. J. Ruddick, Minutes	30.85
To vouchers not sent	72.18	By vouchers	337.52
		By cash on hand	77.76
Total	$461.13	Total	$461.13

Respectfully submitted, W. I. Mullins.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Adams, S. M.	Randolph,	Ala.	Ruddick, W. J.	Stanton,	Ala.
Dunaway, J. W.	Stanton,	"	Smoke, J. M.	Huckabee,	"
Elam, T. J.	Randolph,	"	Taylor, T. E	Energy,	"
Jones, Hardy	Verbena,	"	Lowrey, J. G.	Clanton,	"
Lawrence, T. N.	Maplesville,	"	Hare, C. W.	Clanton,	"
Long, J. L.	Verbena,	"	~~Billingsley, C.~~	Billingsley,	"
Longerier, J. H.	East Lake,	"			

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED THIS SEASON.

Autaugaville,	Evergreen,	Pleasant Grove,
Chestnut Hill.	Liberty. (defunct)	Pilgrim's Rest,
Corinth,	New Prospect	Randolph.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only living and true God—The Father, Son and Holy Ghost; these three are one—1 Corinthians 8:6; Deuteronomy 6:7; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 5:7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice—2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth—1 Peter 1:25; Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin—Romans 3:23; 5:12; 3:10.

5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature—Romans 5:64; John 6:44; Ephesians 2:1–5; Philippians 2:13.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ—Romans 5:1; Galatians 2:16–20.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away—2 Corinthians 12:9; Colossians 3:4; Romans 8:38, 39.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church of Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion only is baptism—Matthew 3:5, 6, 13, 16; Acts 2:37, 38; Acts 8:38, 39.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment—Acts 17:31; John 5:28, 39.

10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting—Matthew 25:46.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances except those who are called of God and have been regularly baptised, approved by the church and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery—1 Timothy 4:14; Acts 26:16.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptised believers have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper—Acts 2:42, 44; 2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 11:23, 29.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as "The Unity Baptist Association," and shall be composed of delegates from such churches as constitute, or may hereafter unite with this body.

Art. 2. The design of its labors shall be to promote the cause of Christ and to encourage those objects supported by Baptists generally.

Art. 3. This Association shall hold its sessions annually, at such a time and place as it may appoint.

ART. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer—to be elected at each session—who shall perform all the duties appertaining to such offices in similar bodies; and in case of the absence of any officer, one pro tem shall be appointed by the Association until an election is declared.

ART. 5. A record of the proceedings of this Association shall be kept by the Clerk, and as soon as practicable after the close of each session he shall superintend the printing of the minutes thereof, and shall furnish each church with a suitable number of copies.

ART. 6. Any church subscribing to our Abstract of Faith may be admitted into this Association by consent of the members in session.

ART. 7. Any church orthodox in faith and practice, which has complied with this Constitution, may withdraw from this body by the consent of a majority of the members in session.

ART. 8. This Association, in regular session, may dissolve its connection with any church which may differ with it in doctrine or practice.

ART. 9. Any church of this Association, with thirty members or less, shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members or fractional part thereof.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of each church to forward a written communication to every session, specifying the names of its delegates and the state of the church.

ART. 11. If a difficulty should arise in a church, which cannot be settled thereby, the church shall call aid from two or more sister churches; if the matter cannot then be adjusted, it shall be referred to the Association for advice.

ART. 12. All queries must be acted upon by the churches in which they may originate, and when they fail to be disposed of therein, must be reported, by letter, to the Association; the decision thereof shall be considered an advisory answer.

ART. 13. This Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contribution of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted and paid over to the Finance Committee, and said committee to pay over to the Treasurer.

ART. 14. Any article of this Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the delegates present at any regular session.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The officers of the Association shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.

4. Any member not satisfied with this decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, and he shall rise and, obtaining permission, proceed; such permission being signified by the Moderator naming the person, or otherwise.

6. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject; and every motion, made and seconded, in order shall

come under the consideration of the Association, and be decided, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

8. When a question has been introduced and sufficient time allowed for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association upon the subject; those in the affirmative shall make it known by saying aye, and those opposing shall make it known by saying nay.

9. The appellation "brother" shall be used in the Association when one brother addresses another, but this article shall not be so construed as to ignore the Moderator.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11. The names of the delegates shall be called as often as the Association shall direct.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided. He may also appoint committees necessary for transacting any business that may, from time to time, come before the Association.

13. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day such violation occurs.

14. These rules shall be read at the opening of every session of the Association, and may be altered or amended whenever a majority of the membership present shall deem it necessary.

STATISTICS OF UNITY ASSOCIATION 1894.

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S P.O.	Membership last Reported	Increase				Decrease			Present Membership	SUNDAY SCHOOL			Preaching Sabbaths	Revivals	Prayer Meetings
						Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Exclusion	Letter	Death		Officers and Teachers	Pupils	SUPERINTENDENT AND P. O.			
Alpine	Chilton	A. M. Perry	J. C. Walker	Stanton	61	10	5		1		3		74				3	1	.
Autaugaville*	Autauga				8								8				.	.	.
Bethel	"	A. M. Perry	G. W. Weaver	Vine Hill	42	8			1	1	8	1	41	4	35	W. McCullough, Jones' Switch	4	1	.
Bethesda	"	J. M. Smoke	W. L. Jones	Independence	80	13	11				3	2	99	5	60	W. L. Jones, Independence	4	1	.
Big Springs	"	J. M. Smoke	W. W. Carter	Billingsley	94				1	1	2		92	4	39	W. W. Carter, Billingsley	2	.	.
Beth Salem	Chilton	John Huett	J. R. Vinson	Kincheon	40	14	9						63				.	1	.
Bozeman	Autauga	J. McCord	J. T. Leyens	Bozeman	100	9	7			1	20	1	94	9	127	H. Evans, Bozeman	1&3	1	1
Cane Creek	Chilton	J. E. Champion	W. C. Giles		73					15	15		43				1	.	.
Chestnut Creek	"	J. L. Long	J. W. Dennis	Coopers	88	1	4		2		2	2	91	5	30	P. C. Dennis, Coopers	4	.	1
Chestnut Hill*	"	J. M. Heard			53								53				3	.	.
Clanton	"	J. G. Lowery	J. P. Massey	Clanton	73	2	13				9	1	78	11	90	C. W. Hare, Clanton	3	1	1
Corinth*	"				53								53				.	.	.
Ebenezer	"	J. W. Dunaway	I. G. White	Stanton	67	19	12					2	92	6	54	F. D. DuBose, Maplesville	1	1	1
Evergreen	Autauga	G. M. Parker	J. H. Apperson	Huckabee	92								92	4	60	R. J. Bishop, Huckabee	3	.	.
Fellowship	Dallas	J. W. Dunaway	E. W. Bailey	Plantersville	179	6	1	1				5	182				3	1	.
Friendship	Elmore	J. C. Thomas	J. L. Long	Verbena	31	2	3			5	4	1	26	3	20	J. L. Long, Verbena	4	1	1
Harmony	Autauga	J. M. Smoke	J. W. Darden	Milton	42	2						1	43				1	.	.
Maple Springs	Chilton	J. C. Thomas	A. M. Rollins	Coopers	21						4		17	1	20	W. L. Price, Coopers	3	.	.
Mount Carmel	"	W. J. Ruddick	W. W. Sansom	Stanton	113	3	3				4	1	114				1	.	.
Mount Zion	"	A. L. Foshee	D. H. Mullins	Jumbo	48		3				3		48	7	35	Oliver Mullins, Jumbo	2	.	.
Mulberry	"	J. G. Lowery	J. C. Veazey	Lily	134	21	1			3	8	3	142	4	28	J. L. Williams, Randolph	4	1	1
New Prospect*	"				35								35				.	.	.
Plantersville	Dallas	G. M. Parker	J. T. Jones	Plantersville	41		6				7		40	7	35	E. L. Thornton, Plantersville	1	.	.
Providence	Chilton	R. M. Honeycutt	R. Robinson	Coopers	125	20	2		2	1	9		139				1	.	.
Pilgrim's Rest*	"				25								25				.	.	.
Pleasant Grove*	"				48								48				.	.	.
Randolph*	"				36								36				.	.	.
Sardis	"	A. M. Perry	S. B. McCary	Ruddick	53	2	2				5	2	50				1	.	.
Salem	"	W. J. Bone	T. L. Roberson	Verbena	36	4					4		36				4	.	.
Shady Grove	Dallas	J. M. Smoke	R. G. Underwood	Burnsville	23		3				4		22			Reports Sunday school	3	1	.
Shiloh	Chilton	John Huett	R. W. Scott	Kincheon	108	7	3		1	1	6	2	110				3	.	.
Valley Creek	"	W. J. Ruddick	R. J. Mitchell	Plantersville	53	7	2				2		60	6	30	J. G. Gay, Plantersville	2	1	.
Verbena	"	J. G. Lowery	W. H. Strock	Verbena	84	3	3		1	2	21	2	66	6	25	K. Wells, Verbena	1	.	.
Total					2159	153	93	1	9	30	147	26	2212	83	688				

*Not represented.

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF UNITY ASSOCIATION 1894.

CHURCH	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible and Colportage	Ministerial Education	Widows and Orphan's Home	Howard College	Minutes	Total	Value of Property
Alpine	$	$	$	$	$ 5.00	$	$	$ 2.00	$ 7.00	$ 300
Bethel	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.50	.....	1.50	4.00	200
Bethesda	1.70	1.02	1.18	1.10	.....	.....	.....	3.00	8.00	500
Beth Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250
Big Springs	3.00	2.00	3.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	3.00	16.00	800
Bozeman	27.32	11.08	14.44	3.40	12.00	26.43	.....	1.50	96.17	1,500
Chestnut Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	2.50	500
Clanton	13.70	2.50	....	3.80	5.00	4.20	2.00	2.00	33.20	1,500
Ebenezer	11.52	9.00	7.01	5.00	5.00	4.10	.....	2.50	44.13	1,000
Fellowship	8.70	8.77	8.92	2.60	5.00	.....	.....	3.00	36.99	500
Friendship	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	1.25	200
Harmony	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	10.00	500
Maple Springs	1.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	2.15	300
Mount Carmel	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	2.00	4.50	400
Mount Zion	4.25	2 13	2.12	.....	5.00	.....	.....	1.50	15.00	350
Mulberry	4.05	5.26	2.36	1.51	1.85	11.82	.....	2.50	29.35	800
Plantersville	6.58	3.61	3.61	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	15.30	400
Providence	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	3.00	.....
Sardis	.....	.....	50	....	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	2.50	300
Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	1.10	5.10	.....
Shady Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	3.00	750
Shiloh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	2.50	450
Valley Creek	5.00	2.50	2.50	1.35	5.00	2.00	.....	1.50	19.85	450
Verbena	.8.50	17.55	21.50	5 00	19.00	6.50	10.00	1.50	99.55	2,000
Collected at Association for Autaugaville Church	10.31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.35	.....	16.66	.....
Total	124.28	65.42	67.14	23.76	76.35	56.55	18.35	45.85	477.70	13.950

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING AND OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE PRESENT.

Year.	Place of Meeting.	Preacher of Introductory Sermon.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
1855	Shady Grove..	J. R. Sartor..	B. B. Smith ..	J. N. Gradick.	J. Nunn..
1856	Pantersville ..	A. C. Patillo..	B. B. Smith..	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn..
1857	Mulberry.....	A. Andrews..	B. B. Smith..	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn..
1858	Kingston... ..	D. M. Lloyd..	J. D Moodie.	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn..
1859	Harmony	J. H. Ray	I. U. Wilkes..	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn..
1860	Ebenezer.. ..	J. D. Moodie.	I. U. Wilkes..	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn..
1861	Chestnut Creek	W. Wilkes ...	I. U. Wilkes..	J. I. Lamar...	L.B.Parker
1862	Bethesda	A. Andrews .	I. U. Wilkes..	A. L. Haralson	L.B.Parker
1863	.....	....	....	.....	....
1864	Randolph	....	....	.....	.....
1865	Plantersville ..	A. Andrews..	A. Andrews .	W. R. Grandy.	L B.Parker
1866	....	....	....	.....	.....
1867	Fellowship	....	....	.....	.....
1868	Harmony	....	....	.....	.....
1869	Bethel	A. Andrews..	A. Andrews..	W. C. Adair ..	L.B.Parker
1870	Mt. Hebron....	W. Lee	A. Andrews..	W. C. Adair..	L.B.Parker
1871	Mulberry.....	J. Allen.....	A. Andrews..	W. C. Adair..	L.B.Parker
1872	Chestnut Creek	W. Lee	A. Andrews..	J. L. Williams..	W.C. Adair
1873	Big Springs...	J. A. Mullins.	A. Andrews..	H.E. Longerier	W.C. Adair
1874	Plantersville ..	G. W. Mills..	A. Andrews..	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells
1875	Mount Zion....	W. Lee.....	William Lee .	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells
1876	Ebenezer.....	J. A. Mullins.	William Lee .	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells
1877	Harmony	A. Andrews..	William Lee .	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells
1878	Chestnut Creek	F. M. Vines...	A. Andrews..	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells
1879	Fellowship	A. L. Blizard.	A. Andrews..	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells
1880	Bethesda	G. W. Mills ..	J. Falkner...	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells
1881	Mulberry.....	H.E. Longerier	J. Falkner...	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells
1882	Shiloh....	A. Andrews..	J. Falkner...	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells
1883	Randolph	G. W. Mills..	J. Falkner...	H E. Longerier	K. Wells
1884	Harmony.....	W.N.Huckabe	J. Falkner...	T. M. Henley..	K. Wells
1885	Friendship	J. A. Mullin .	A. J.Brooks..	T. M. Henley..	K. Wells
1886	Clanton	Hardy Jones.	A. J.Brooks..	T. M. Henley..	K. Wells
1887	Plantersville ..	J. Falkner...	A. J.Brooks..	T. M. Henley..	K. Wells
1888	Verbena.....	W. J. Ruddick	A. J.Brooks..	W. J. Ruddick.	K. Wells
1889	Ebenezer	G. W. Mills..	A.J. Brooks..	W. J. Ruddick.	K. Wells
1890	Big Springs ..	J. W. Mitchell	A. J.Brooks..	W. J. Ruddick.	K. Wells
1891	Mount Carmel.	J. M. McCord	A. J.Brooks..	W. J. Ruddick.	K. Wells..
1892	Chestnut Creek	H. Jones.....	A. J.Brooks..	W. J. Ruddick.	K. Wells...
1893	Evergreen....	J W.Dunaway	J.W.Dunaway	W. J. Ruddick.	K. Wells...
1894	Mt Zion	W.J.Ruddick	J. G. Lowrey..	W. J. Ruddick.	W.I.Mullins